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SUBJECT: DIVISION WITHIN USG ON THE CTB REPORTED

1. IN THE APRIL 22 EDITION, "TIMES OF INDIA" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, M.V. KAMATH, REPORTS THAT THE USG HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER THE CTB TREATY SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A COMPLETE BAN OR PERMIT SOME "LOW LEVEL" TESTS. KAMATH STATES THAT HIS INFORMATION IS DRAWN FROM A LETTER RELEASED APRIL 20 BY THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. THE LETTER REPORTEDLY IS FROM FOUR CONGRESSMEN TO ACDA DIRECTOR WARNE AND STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS LAST MONTH REVEALED THE INDECISION WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. UNIDENTIFIED "SENIOR DEFENSE AND SCIENTIFIC WITNESSES" ARE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT A COMPLETE BAN COULD NOT BE ADEQUATELY POLICED.

2. KAMATH STATES THAT, "IT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN GIVEN OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS SEEKING A COMPLETE TEST BAN, BUT IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT IT WAS PLAIN PROPAGANDA AIMED, AMONGST OTHERS, AT INDIA." HE SAYS IT IS CLEAR THAT "POWERFUL INTERESTS IN THE U.S. ESTABLISHMENT" ARE SEEKING SOME PRETEXT TO CONTINUE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING, " WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, PREACHING UNCLASSIFIED

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TO NATIONS LIKE INDIA ON THE VIRTUE OF NOT CONDUCTING THEIR OWN EXPERIEMENTS." KAMATH CLAIMS THAT IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE LETTER THAT THE USG SAYS ONE THING TO INDIA AND "QUITE A DIFFERENT THING TO THE SOVIET UNION."

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